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SUBJECT: DECISION ON TERMINAL DISCLAIMERS INFORMAL FORM

DATE: 3/18/03

APPL. S.N. 09,818,792

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ART UNIT: 3629

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AFTER FINAL YES ☐ NO ☒ NUMBER OF T.D(S). FILED 1

INSTRUCTIONS: I have reviewed the submitted T.D. with the results as set forth below. If you agree, please use the appropriate form paragraphs identified by this Informal memo in your next office action to notify applicant about the T.D. If you disagree with my analysis or have questions at all about the acceptability of the T.D., please see me or our Special Program Examiner. THIS MEMO IS AN INFORMAL, INTERNAL MEMO ONLY. IT MUST NOT BE MAILED TO APPLICANT, NOR SHOULD A COPY BE LEFT IN FILE.

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☐ Application Examiner has not processed T.D. fee. (See fee authorization).

☐ The T.D. does not satisfy Rule 321(b)(3) in that the person who has signed the T.D. has not stated his/her interest (and/or the extent of the interest of the business entity represented by the signature) in the application/patent. (See 14.26 and 14.26.01).

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☐ The person who signed the terminal disclaimer:

☐ has failed to state his/her capacity to sign for the business entity. (See 14.28).

☐ is not recognized as an officer of the assignee. (See 14.29 and possibly 14.29.01).

☐ No documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original inventor(s) to assignee has been submitted, nor is the reel and frame specified as to where such evidence is recorded in the office. 37 CFR 3.73(b). (See 1140 O.G. 72). NOTE: This documentary evidence or the specifying of the reel and frame may be found in the T.D. or in a separate paper submitted by applicant. (See 14.30).

☐ No "statement" specifying that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed and that, to the best of the assignee's knowledge and belief the title is in the assignee seeking to take action. 37 CFR 3.73(b). (See 1140 O.G. 72) (See 14.31).

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